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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : Project STAR - Presidential Protection

1. This memorandum is for your information regarding the present status of the subject matter.

2. Following the assassination of the President on 22 November 1963, Project STAR was instituted by the Executive Office of the President to conduct research into the various threats to the President and develop ways and means to overcome the dangers. Under the general direction of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee (PSAC), the Project was assigned to the Advanced Research Project Agency of the Department of Defense (ARPA). All appropriate departments and agencies of the Government were asked to cooperate in the Project.

3. In January 1964, Colonel Harry E. Tabor, who is heading the Project at ARPA, called upon the Director of Security to request the participation of this Agency. Because

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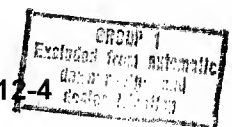
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[REDACTED] his Office, was given this assignment. Since [REDACTED] has had various meetings and discussions with Col. Tabor and others who are working in or with the Project, and with officials of the U. S. Secret Service.

4. ARPA made three major research contracts, with the Rand Corporation, the Institute of Defense Analysis, and Research Analysis Corp. Before a general meeting of ARPA, representatives of their contractors, and persons from other government agencies on January 16, 1964, [REDACTED] explained the general interest of our Agency in this subject, and the principles

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and recommended practices which he has developed from rather considerable study in the field. He continued with several talks with Col. Tabor. In July 1964, it was arranged with the Chief, TSD, to have included in the then current training refresher program of one of the research contractors, demonstrations to groups of Secret Service agents of unconventional weapons and devices.

5. Outside of ideas and general suggestions, there was not much which we could contribute to the research phase of the Project. Beginning in July 1964, the research contractors have been submitting to ARPA their rather numerous and voluminous reports. We are being furnished copies of all of these. Covering various matters of personnel security and physical security equipment, these reports will be of considerable value to us. So far, we have been getting more from the Project than we could contribute to it.

6. Project STAR has now moved, however, into the phase of consideration by the U. S. Secret Service of the implementation of the various recommendations which are coming through the research reports. On 9 September 1964, Mr.

25X1A [] attended a meeting at the Secret Service, with Col. Tabor of ARPA and Dr. Bing of PSAC. This meeting was limited to the first of the matters to be considered, the criteria for reporting by other Agencies concerning persons who may pose a threat to the President. Following the discussions and a tentative working out of arrangements, this matter was assigned to

25X1A [] Chief of the Personnel Security Division, who will handle it with Elliott C. Thacker, Inspector from the office of the Chief of the Secret Service. [] had his first meeting with Mr. Thacker on the morning of 30 September 1964.

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7. It has been agreed with Robert I. Bouck, of the Protective Research Section of the Secret Service, and Mr. Thacker that we will review all of our various ways and methods of liaison with them, to make sure that our general cooperation

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is the fullest possible or practical. We also are getting some specific material probably available to us which Mr. Bouck has requested.

8. There will be further meetings of representatives of the Office with Col. Tabor, Mr. Thacker, and Mr. Bouck. All indications are that the various officials concerned are entirely satisfied with the cooperation we have been extending.

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Deputy Director of Security (PPS)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : Role of Office of Security in Overseas
Presidential Protection

Attached hereto is a memorandum covering the mission of the
Office of Security in Overseas Presidential Protection. Also
attached is a typical report of one such mission.

Deputy Director of Security (IOS)

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Attachments:
Memoranda, as stated

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